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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHODS FOR PREPARING OLIGONUCLEOTIDES CONTAINING NON-STANDARD NUCLEOTIDES

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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Notice of Allowability

Application No.
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Applicant(s)
Steven Benner

Examiner
Jehanne Souaya

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the proposed amendment filed 12/4/2002.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 6 and 12-14.

3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.

4. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

5. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

(a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

6. ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

8. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.

(a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☒ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

(c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1 ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

3 ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

5 ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449), Paper No(s). _____

7 ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

9 ☐ Other

2 ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

4 ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. 17

6 ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8 ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jill Fahrlander on 12/11/2002.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

- ✓ In claim 12, line 15, delete the recitation of "comprises" and insert instead -- is performed with--.
- ✓ In claim 12, line 15, delete the recitation of "DNA".
- ✓ In claim 12, line 16, delete the recitation of "T4 DNA polymerase,".
- ✓ In claim 13, line 1, delete the recitation of "DNA".
- ✓ In claim 13, line 1, delete the recitation of "comprises" and insert instead --is--.
- ✓ In claim 14, line 16, delete the recitation of "comprises" and insert instead -- is performed with--.

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims are drawn to a method of making an oligonucleotide comprising a template oligonucleotide comprising a sequence of nucleotides wherein the template comprises at least one non standard nucleotide at a preselected site in the sequence, wherein the non standard nucleotide is iso-G or iso-C; contacting the template with a mixture of nucleotide triphosphates, the mixture comprising nucleotide triphosphates that are complementary to the nucleotides in the template, wherein the nucleotide triphosphate complementary to the non standard nucleotide at the preselected site comprises a derivatized nucleotide; and forming an oligonucleotide complementary to a portion of the template by enzymatic polymerization of the nucleotides triphosphates in a sequence complementary to a portion of the template. The claims are also drawn to a method of making an oligonucleotide comprising a template oligonucleotide comprising a sequence of nucleotides wherein the template comprises at least one non standard nucleotide at a preselected site in the sequence; contacting the template with a mixture of nucleotide triphosphates, the mixture comprising nucleotide triphosphates that are complementary to the nucleotides in the template, wherein the nucleotide triphosphate complementary to the non standard nucleotide at the preselected site comprises a derivatized nucleotide; and forming an oligonucleotide complementary to a portion of the template by enzymatic polymerization of the nucleotide triphosphates in a sequence complementary to a portion of the template, wherein the enzymatic polymerization is performed with AMV reverse transcriptase or Klenow Fragment of DNA

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polymerase I. The claims are further drawn to a method of making an oligonucleotide comprising a template oligonucleotide comprising a sequence of nucleotides wherein the template comprises at least one non standard nucleotide at a preselected site in the sequence; contacting the template with a mixture of nucleotide triphosphates, the mixture comprising nucleotide triphosphates that are complementary to the nucleotides in the template, wherein the nucleotide triphosphate complementary to the non standard nucleotide at the preselected site comprises a derivatized nucleotide comprising radiolabel; and forming an oligonucleotide complementary to a portion of the template by enzymatic polymerization of the nucleotides triphosphates in a sequence complementary to a portion of the template, wherein the enzymatic polymerization is performed with T7 RNA polymerase.

The closest prior art is that of Eritja et al., (Nucleic Acids Research, 1986; 14(20), pp 8135-8153) which teaches a method for making an oligonucleotide using a template containing xanthine and contacting the template with a mixture of nucleotide triphosphates including 9-(β -D-2'-deoxyribofuranosyl)-2-aminopurine triphosphate (dA⁺TP) and *Drosophila* polymerase α to form an oligonucleotide complementary to the template (dA⁺TPT is also incorporated in the oligonucleotide opposite xanthine in the template). The claims are allowable over the prior art of Eritja et al because Eritja et al do not teach using iso-G or iso-C either in the template or as a derivatized nucleotide triphosphate, nor does Eritja teach forming an oligonucleotide with Klenow fragment of DNA polymerase I, AMV reverse transcriptase or T7 RNA polymerase. Eritja et al teach away from using Klenow fragment because Eritja et al teach that when Klenow

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fragment was used as the polymerase, which has 3' exonuclease activity, removal of the nucleotide opposite xanthine and extensive degradation of the primer was observed' (p. 8142, last para). Therefore, Eritja et al does not teach a reasonable explanation of success that any polymerase, such as T7 RNA polymerase, Klenow fragment of DNA polymerase I (which the specification teaches were successful in the instantly claimed methods), or AMV reverse transcriptase would be capable of use in the method of Eritja et al.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Jehanne Souaya whose telephone number is (703)308-6565. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Jones, can be reached on (703) 308-1152. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-3014.

Any inquiry of a general nature should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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